

Library Connections

UFV Library Newsletter



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Message from Kim Isaac

As I write this column, I am packing up my UFV office in preparation for a one-year educational leave, which starts in January, 2013. Patti Wilson has been appointed interim University Librarian to cover my absence, and library staff, services, and everyone we serve will be in very good hands throughout the year.



After 24-plus years of working at UFV without a break, I am looking forward to the opportunity to take time away to focus on a project and reflect on where UFV's library services have come from, and the direction in which we should take them to best serve our regionally-based, teaching-focused, primarily undergraduate institution.

When I speak to colleagues within UFV, most are surprised that I haven't taken a sabbatical or educational leave prior to now. These kinds of leaves are routine and expected in most universities. But when I move out of the academic realm and meet with people in the community and in other parts of my life, many are amazed. Paid leaves for research, study and education are not common in most sectors. We are fortunate to be working in the post-secondary environment, and particularly at UFV, where such leaves are not reserved for faculty but are available to all.

This year – 2012 – has seen four of the library's long-serving employees retire. The library is still working through the hiring of replacements and, in some cases, the hiring to replace the people who replace the retirees. There will be more on these new faces in this and subsequent newsletters. But getting back to the retirees, all have plans for this next stage of their lives. Retirement doesn't mean that they will stop being engaged; it's only the field of their engagement that has changed. The renewal and rejuvenation that comes from retirement will give these women new energy that they can now apply to the things they love to do, just as my leave will give me new energy to bring to my role of University Librarian when I return in January 2014.

May this holiday season bring renewal and rejuvenation to all of you. Best wishes for a very happy 2013.

Kim Isaac

University Librarian

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—Kim Isaac, page 5

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Checking it twice: shelf reading in Abbotsford



By Lisa Morry

An Educational Technology Services staffer thought we were having a party when we broke for pizza in the Abbotsford staff lunchroom in building G on a Wednesday afternoon.

"We're shelf reading," University Librarian Kim Isaac told her.

"What's that?" asked the ETS staffer.

"It's making sure the items on the library shelves are in the right place," Kim told her.

That's probably the best explanation for the term "shelf reading." It takes a team of people, including volunteers from other UVF libraries, to sit, bend, stretch and kneel, while examining the labels on every item in the library.

It can take an entire afternoon to read one section of the stacks, depending on the thickness of the books, how easy or hard it is to see the labels (some are on the side of the item, rather than on the spine facing out) and whether the items are in good order or in a mess.

That doesn't sound like fun, does it? It's a necessary exercise and a December tradition when things slow down at the end of the fall semester.

Rather like Santa making his list and checking it twice, naughty or nice, everyone takes a turn and we read the shelves.

Acquisitions tech Marlee Clingan reads the shelves in Abbotsford.

University Librarian Kim Isaac goes on education leave Patti Wilson takes the helm, while others fill the gaps



University Librarian Kim Isaac checks out some reading material in preparation for her upcoming education leave.

Library Management team

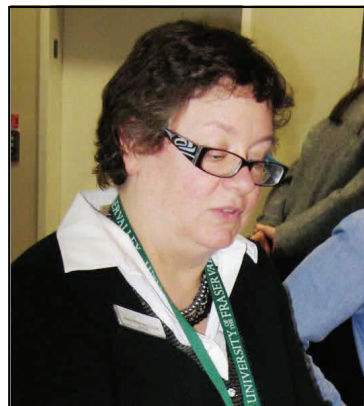
Follow carefully here. There are major changes in our library staffing profile for this year. Patti Wilson will be the interim University Librarian during Kim Isaac's education leave in 2013.

Currently the Collections Librarian, Patti is responsible for a \$1.1 million acquisitions budget for print, electronic, and multi-media materials. Patti earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters degree in Library Science from the University of Alberta before she was "marooned" here in 1993. Patti has also taught reference classes in UFV's Library and Information Technology program.

With Patti moving to Kim's position for 2013, the library management team decided to divide up her responsibilities, which include creating and maintaining library databases. Her position also requires an intimate knowledge of this university and the library's internal procedures.



Sue Kleiv (left) takes over as acquisitions technician.



*Acting Collections Librarian
Mary-Anne MacDougall*



*Reference and Instruction Librarian
Diane Cruickshank*



*Acting University Librarian
Patti Wilson*

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h-in-charge while Marlee Clingan (right) is a new face in acquisitions.

Therefore, current the Information Services Librarian, Mary-Anne MacDougall will take on the title of Collections Librarian, and be responsible for budgeting, selection, collections policy and supervising the Acquisitions department.

Reference Services Librarian Diane Cruickshank will take on the technical database administration responsibilities from Patti's position and part of Mary-Anne's reference duties.

We are posting a one-year term reference and instruction librarian position to fill in Diane's position.

Taking this approach "highlights the strengths of the individuals involved and gives people an opportunity to take on new challenges," said Kim.



Liz Hughes with a copy of the new cataloguing rules.

Technical Services team

There are big changes to the technical services team too. After June Reedman's recent retirement, Sue Kleiv takes on the tech-in-charge position in Acquisitions. A UCFV/UFV/Fraser Valley College acquisitions tech for 20 years, Sue formerly worked in the Fraser Valley Regional Library system and filled in as tech-in-charge here in 2005.

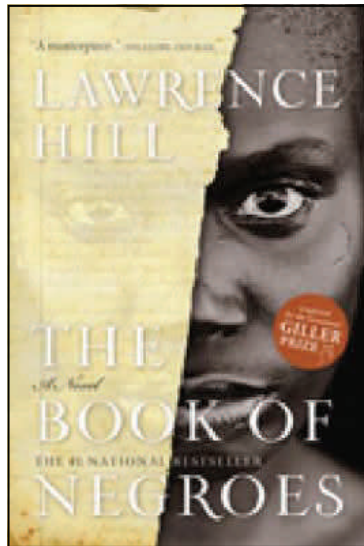
With Sue taking over in June's old position, Marlee Clingan, a UFV library tech grad, comes to us from Kwantlen Polytechnic, where she worked in circulation, interlibrary loans and acquisitions. Marlee has also worked at the Fraser Valley Regional Library in circulation and reference and at Canada Revenue Agency Library, where she also did acquisitions work.

Cataloguing

Liz Hughes is the new tech-in-charge in cataloguing, effective January 1st. Liz has 17 years of cataloguing experience in the UFV/UCFV environment and has a solid knowledge of cataloguing rules and standards, best practices, and internal systems and procedures. Liz has been actively engaged in learning everything she can about the upcoming change from AACR2 to Resource Description and Access, readying for the transition to the new cataloguing rules in 2013.

Stay tuned. It should be an interesting year.

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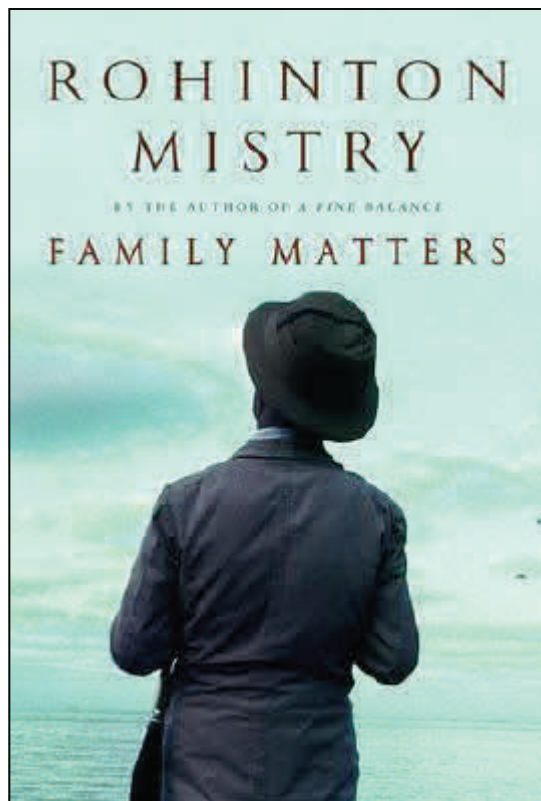


Book of Negroes by Lawrence Hill

“Chosen as the winner for Canada Reads 2009, *The Book of Negroes* weaves together fiction and the realities of slavery into a powerful, haunting tale of one woman's extraordinary life.” (CBC Books)

Family Matters by Rohinton Mistry

“Rohinton Mistry's titles include *Tales From Firrozsha Baag*, a collection of short stories, and *A Fine Balance*, a novel. Mistry's first novel, *Such a Long Journey*, received several awards, including the Governor General's Award and the Commonwealth Writers Prize for Best Book. It was also shortlisted for the Booker Prize and for the Trillium Award.” (Bowker Author Biography)



2012 Scotiabank Giller winner 419 by Will Ferguson

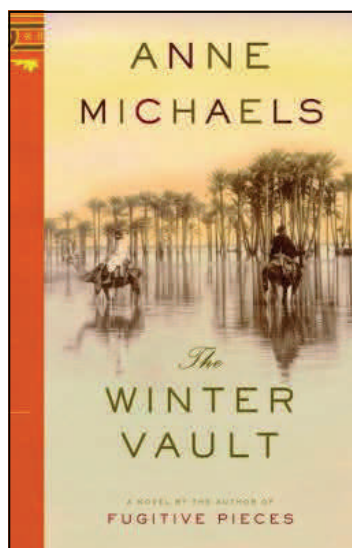
“Will Ferguson is the author of several novels, including *Beyond Belfast*, *Hitching a Ride*, and most recently the humour collection *419*. His novels include *Happiness*™, *Spanish*, and *419*, which has been nominated for both an IMPAC Dublin Award and the Commonwealth Writers Prize, and a three-time Scotiabank Giller Medal.” (Scotiabank Giller 2012)

It's time for a little Christmas reading from the library



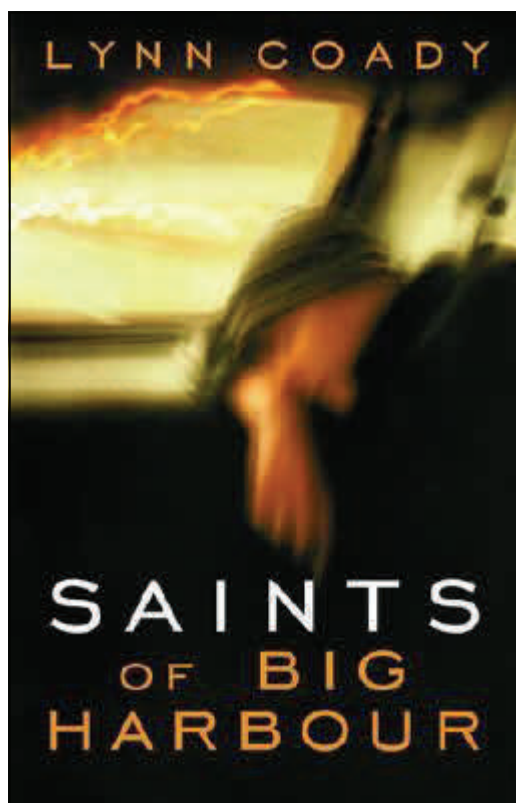
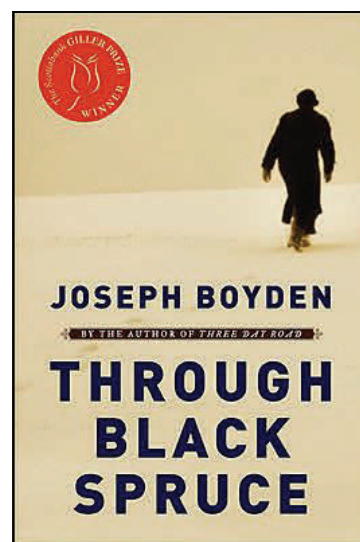
Will Ferguson

award-winning memoirist, *Rides with Buddha*, *on Canadian Pie*. His *Fly* and *419*. Nominated and a Commonwealth winner of the Leacock



2009 Scotiabank Giller shortlisted [The Winter Vault](#) by Anne Michaels

2008 Scotiabank Giller winner [Through Black Spruce](#) by Joseph Boyden



[Saints of Big Harbour](#) by Lynn Coady

"Lynn Coady's *Strange Heaven* won the Dartmouth Book Award in 1999, the Atlantic Bookseller's Choice Award in 1999, the Air Canada/Canadian Author's Association Award for Most Promising Writer Under Thirty in 1998, and was shortlisted for the Governor-General's Award for Fiction in 1998. Her title, *Play the Monster Blind*, won the Canadian Author's Association's Jubilee Award for a short fiction collection in 2001, was shortlisted for the Stephen Leacock Award for Humour in 2000, was shortlisted again for the CNIB Award, and The Writer's Trust Award in 2001." (Bowker Author Biography)